

KSC Badging Policy for Foreign Nationals

Due to a change in NASA policy at the John F. Kennedy Space Center, foreign national media may now drive their own vehicles on-Center to the KSC Press Site as follows:

1. All foreign national media will continue to submit their credential requests for KSC events via the online accreditation system at <https://media.ksc.nasa.gov>, including "I" Visa information.
2. NEW: Upon notification of approval, all foreign media requiring future unescorted access to the KSC Press Site will have their fingerprints taken electronically when picking up their solid green machine passes at the KSC Badging Office on SR-405 (east of the KSC Visitor Complex). If their fingerprints are cleared by the security system, the unescorted media credential will be available upon their next visit to KSC. This also applies to U.S. Citizens working for foreign news organizations not incorporated in the U.S.
3. NEW: Media badged as foreign nationals with unescorted access (white machine pass with green dot) may drive other media with "to be escorted" access (solid green machine pass) in their vehicles to the KSC Press Site. This also applies to U.S. media with unescorted access (white machine pass) – they may drive foreign media to the KSC Press Site in their vehicles.
4. For Shuttle Mission badges the foreign national process remains the same – after receiving the first badge at the KSC Badging Office on SR-405, media must then proceed to the Press Accreditation building on SR-3 for their Mission Badge as usual.
5. The following rules will still apply to both U.S. and foreign media as outlined in the online guidelines and the Rules of Media Conduct letter:
  - Media may only drive from the outer gates to the KSC Press Site and back – no stopping or deviating from that route
  - Media may walk or drive to the LC-39 MFF Cafeteria or gift shop in the adjacent OSB I building, but MUST be escorted from the KSC Press Site to any other place on-Center. No exceptions. Media are not allowed to take cameras with them to the cafeteria/gift shop, nor are they allowed to ask anyone for, or conduct interviews.
  - All media (unless in possession of a long-term badge) are only allowed at the Press Site during posted hours. Any exceptions to this must be coordinated ahead-of-time with the Press Site Logistics Manager Laurel Lichtenberger or Press Site Chief Bill Johnson.

If you have any questions concerning this policy, please feel free to contact the Accreditation Manager, Laurel Lichtenberger at [laurel.a.lichtenberger@nasa.gov](mailto:laurel.a.lichtenberger@nasa.gov) or at 321-867-4036.



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